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MANAGEMENT LEVELS

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time into the two-month after the response due date, i.e., until March 16, 2010, for responding to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2009.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge for the appropriate fee set by 37 CFR §1.17 of \$490.00 or any Petition for Extension of Time fee for underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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